

## Special Notice

Reservations not required  
Vaccinated—Masks optional  
Not vaccinated—Masks required  
Please maintain a minimum of 3 feet  
between non-family members

You may still join us for Worship on Cox  
channel 13 or live streamed at [https://  
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# KOUNTZE

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**June 5 & 6 2021**

## Kountze Food Pantry

### Volunteers Needed:

**Mondays, 7:30 - 9 AM, 9 - 11 AM, 11 AM - 1 PM**

**Fridays, 4 - 7 PM**

The Kountze Food Pantry is in great need of toilet paper! We only provide it on request, but apparently there is a great need for it. Please leave your donations in the box in fellowship hall, or in the office. We also need new or like new reusable tote bags (we cannot reuse plastic grocery sacks), cereal, and full-sized hygiene products. Please place your donated items in the shopping cart as you enter for church, in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall, or in the church office. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! If you are able to volunteer, please sign up by using the link below:  
<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

## Moving Forward!!

### Effective for the weekend of June 5 and 6:

- No reservations for worship will be required.
- Face masks will not be required. We support an individual's choice to wear a mask if desired for personal protection for any reason. We are taking this position to encourage anyone who has not been vaccinated to wear a mask without any negative implications. Indeed, many people will feel safer attending services wearing a mask.
- Those who have not been vaccinated are requested to

wear a mask. We will operate under the honor system, assuming that all who attend will abide by this stipulation.

- All pews will be available for seating (the ropes will be removed) but we are recommending that non-family members sit and remain three feet apart from each other.

**JUNE and JULY:** The pew cushions will be brought back. The Fellowship Hall will be open for coffee following the service. Each table in the Fellowship Hall will have 5 chairs around them. Those who are not Family or Friends are requested to sit at least three feet apart. The Task Force will meet in July to assess how things are progressing. See the June/July issue of the Good News for more information.

## Today at Kountze

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of Edward & Marie Lamprecht-Bock given by Richard Bock; given by Tom Holcombe in memory of Jean Holcombe in remembrance of their wedding anniversary (6/2)

### Food, Fun, and Fellowship

**10:15 AM this Sunday in the West Parking Lot**

## Attendance and Giving

**Saturday Attendance:** 21

**Sunday Attendance: 9:00:** 80

**Wednesday Attendance:** 12

**Total:** 113

**Streaming Attendance:** 78

**Cox Cable Attendance:** 214

**Pantry Guests Served:** 0

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 27

### Offering:

\$9,408.00 (Regular)      \$2,028.38 (Specials)

\$3,892.00 (Debt Reduction)

## Special Congregational Meeting

**Sunday June 13**

**10:15 AM**

### In-person Meeting in the Sanctuary

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to interested members on the sale of deFreese Manor to the House of David Preservation Inc, a nonprofit corporation registered in the District of Columbia. The deFreese Manor Board plans to provide a summary of the sale conditions, followed by a Q & A period. The meeting will conclude with a vote of members in attendance at the meeting that Sunday.

## Be careful of judging others.

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

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|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Mark 3:20-35           | Doing the work of God            |
| Monday    | Genesis 3:8-15         | Adam and Eve hide from God       |
| Tuesday   | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 | Living by faith                  |
| Wednesday | Matthew 4:1-11         | The temptation of Jesus          |
| Thursday  | Genesis 3:1-7          | Adam and Eve eat forbidden fruit |
| Friday    | John 8:39-59           | Distinguishing truth from evil   |
| Saturday  | Psalms 130             | Prayer of lament and hope        |
| Sunday    | Mark 4:26-34           | Parables of Jesus                |



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*And looking at those who sat around [Jesus], he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:34-35 (NRSV)*

### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to see your healing and saving work in our daily lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for feeding us with this food and for nurturing us with hope in your saving work through Christ Jesus. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you to know you are brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When people disagree and are unkind to each other, how can they resolve the dispute?
- What is something you would describe as evil?
- The scribes described Jesus' healing others as the work of evil. How would you describe Jesus' healing of others?

*Read:* Mark 3:20-35.

In the opening chapters of Mark, Jesus has already cast out demons and healed lepers and others with physical ailments, but scribes said he did this work on behalf of demons. To this accusation, Jesus states in the strongest terms possible that such a position is wrong. It is one thing not to see God's liberating work at play in the world. It is another to dare to call it the work of evil. The good news is that Jesus' work of healing (same word for salvation in the Greek language) is real and is meant to bless and save lives. In our age of divided loyalties and accusations, Jesus' words are a good warning to us not to judge others too harshly. Even though you may not see it, they may be doing the work of God to free lives and reconcile relationships. It is a sobering thought for sobering times. When have you felt that someone was acting in a way opposed to God's work in the world? Explain.

**Pray: God of power and might, in Christ's name help us to recognize your healing work in the world and be part of reconciling relationships. Amen.**

A life of service begins with an attitude of humility and repentance. Psalm 130:1-2 states, "Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication." We are asking God to hear our cry for help and our cry for forgiveness. God hears our prayers. Pray either alone or with others as you ask for God to hear your prayer of repentance so that you can be a loving servant.

Summer activities will begin soon. Talk about your plans and the changes in schedules. Conclude your discussion time with this prayer: **Dear God, thank you for school, work, friends, and family. As we begin our summer activities, keep us safe, renew us in body and spirit, and help us to show kindness to others. Amen.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34**